

## JACK & CHRISTY VELDBOOM

185 Lost Horse Road  
Hamilton MT 59840

July 15, 2007

Chuck Oliver  
Darby District Manager  
P.O. Box 388  
Darby, MT 58829

RE: Lost Horse Mining Quarry

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to strongly oppose the use of the Lost Horse Mine Quarry. We are opposed for a number of reasons listed below:

1. Safety is the number one issue. School aged children frequent the road visiting friends and relatives. This would no longer be an option with large trucks running up and down the hills.
2. The effects to the Neighborhood would be immediately felt as property values would diminish as it is transformed from it's current use.
3. As taxpayers we are concerned that the ultimate cost (once everything is considered) of the stone removed would exceed what it would cost to simply purchase from an existing source.
4. Lost Horse is a recreation location featured on National television advertising. This would be difficult to show if trucks were going up and down the road.

We would welcome the opportunity to further understand the reasoning behind the issue as we do want to understand all sides of the story.

Sincerely,

Jack & Christy Veldboom

Cc. Glenda Wiles  
Barry Paulson

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Ravalli County Commissioners

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